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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO AMEMBASSY NICOSIA PRIORITY

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7670

AMEMBASSY ANKARA PRIORITY

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: CY PFOR MARR

SUBJECT: GREEK NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF USAF PERSONNEL DETAINED

IN NICOSIA

REF: NICOSIA 787

1. MOST GREEK LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS ATHENS FEB 27 CARRIED SHORT REPORTS OF US MILITARY PERSONNEL DETAINED IN NICOSIA AS RESULT THEIR TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS NEAR GREEN LINE. (REFTEL) STORIES GENERALLY CARRIED AS BACK PAGE ITEMS WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF TA NEA WHICH PLACED STORY FRONT PAGE UNDER HEADLINE "AMERICAN SPIED ON NATIONAL GUARD NEAR GREEN LINE."

2. NEWS REPORTS GENERALLY AGREE ON FACTS OF INCIDENT AND MOST CARRY GIST OF EMBASSY STATEMENT DENYING THAT PERSONNEL WERE MARINES. RIZOSPASTIS (COMMUNIST PARTY EXTERIOR), HOWEVER, HEADLINED ITS ARTICLE "AMERICAN EMBASSY IN NICOSIA CONFIRMS EXISTANCE OF AMERICAN BASES IN CYPRUS." IN ITS FOLLOWING STORY NEWSPAPER ALLEGES THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF EMBASSY HAD STATED THAT THERE ARE AMERICAN MILITARY UNITS WHICH OPERATE AT AKROTIRI FOR ONE OR TWO MONTHS AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A TIME AND ARE THEN REPLACED BY OTHER UNITS.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED ANY PRESS INQUIRIES  
ON THIS SUBJECT TO DATE, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
GUIDANCE FROM EMBAASSY NICOSIA, ESPECIALLY ON  
DUTIES OF DETAINED PERSONNEL, FOR BACKGROUND USE  
IF QUESTIONS ARISE.  
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